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UNION LEADER CALLS LEAVE SHARING "NO LOSE SITUATION" AT SENATE HEARING

Describing federal employee leave sharing as "a no-lose situation for the government, both financially and in terms of employee morale," the head of the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) voiced his union's support for proposed Senate leave sharing legislation at a Capitol Hill hearing today.

NTEU President Robert M. Tobias testified before a subcommittee of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee that though the Senate leave sharing bill differs from the House version of the bill "there are definite merits to both approaches."

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Tobias pointed out that the Senate leave bank plan allows employee donations to a blind bank to which needy workers could apply for leave with their privacy ensured. The House plan has employees donating leave directly to specific individuals, and some employees "may be more inclined to donate leave for a person they know or a situation they are informed about," Tobias added.

"We feel that the best way to address the differences between the bills is to authorize a program experimenting with both leave banks and direct donations for a period of five years," Tobias said. "It seems to us that this is the only way to actually find out which program would have the most long-term success."

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